Romance

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Mistress Bought and Paid For

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What happened to the money from Happy Holidays?
I don't know anything about that money!
I didn't steal it!

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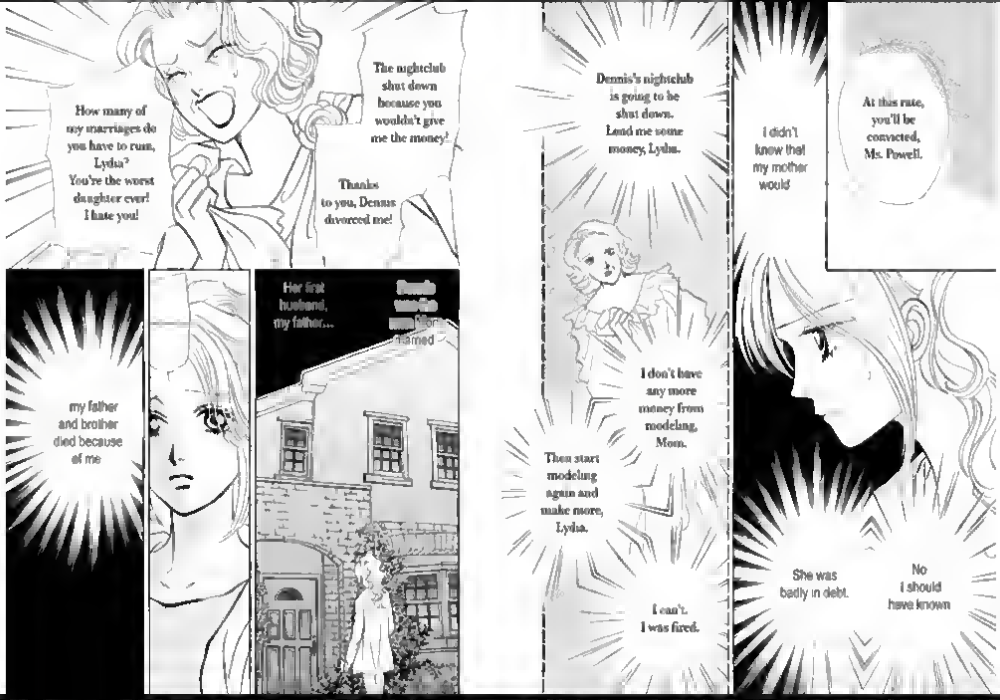
There are still things that are out of my reach.
The world in the palm of my hand. ?
Now Lia is in deep trouble
She led me on, and ran off with another man 6 months ago
Lia the super-model
He truly has the world in the palm of his hand.
Cheers to him and this yacht!
It's the perfect ship for billionaire Christiano Andreotti.
I've never seen a cruise yacht this big before.

Tell me the truth. Where has your mother gone with the money?
The revenue from the fashion show was withdrawn from your accounts using your and your mother's signatures.
I really don't know!
Both your mother and the money are still missing.
Then there's no way that I can defend you.
If you can't come up with the money, you'll both be put on trial.
But—
As your lawyer, I can't help you.
You're in a very bad position, Lia. Or should I say, Lydia Powell.
Something to look forward to Lia.
Maybe the man that you dumped will save you
Former Supermodel Steals Funds?
Happy Holidays Orphanage Fundraiser
in a way that's only fitting?


How many of my marriages do you have to ruin, Lydia? You're the worst daughter ever! I hate you!
The nightclub shut down because you wouldn't give me the money!
Thanks to you, Dennis divorced me!
my father and brother died because of me
Her first husband, my father...
Dennis's nightclub is going to be shut down. Lend me some money, Lydia.
I don't have any more money from modeling, Mom.
Then start modeling again and make more, Lydia.
I can't. I was fired.
I didn't know that my mother would
At this rate, you'll be convicted, Ms. Powell.
She was badly in debt.
No I should have known

Jump
ピンポーン
Ding Dong
There s no one who can help me now
Who could it be? Did that car come back...?
They both fell overboard during a trip I made them go on and they drowned
After Dad died, his company went bankrupt and Mom s troubles began
Crash
ガシャーン
Aaah!
Get out, thief!
I didn't steal anything.
Still, I can't turn Mom over to the police
What am I supposed to do?

I can't believe it.
Christiano...?
I never thought I'd see him again!
...What are you doing here?
I came to help you.
It's been a while, Lia.
Bang
Ah!

No...
Let me get straight to the point.
Can you return the £25,000 you stole?
I can give you the money.
It's a big concern.
You dumped me and ran off with another man.
I'm very interested in your current predicament.
. . will keep you out of jail.
That, plus a little extra. .
His presence alone is overwhelming me.
Liar.
You're having money problems.
That's why you stole that money.
I have to stay calm
Otherwise he'll just hurt me again
I don't need your help.
Where I live is none of your concern.
This is modest living for a former supermodel.
So he believes I did it.

What I want is you.
Wha...
I want you in my bed.
!!
I want you as my mistress.
That's right.
There isn't anything I can't do.
The fearless billionaire, Christiano Andreotti.
It's not that simple to.
Don't forget who you're talking to.
...and he hurt me
I fell for his confidence...
He hasn't changed at all since we broke up a year and a half ago
What's in it for you?
But why would you put up the missing money?

You only have two choices left.
Go to jail, or be my mistress.
This time, you'd better choose the right answer
But. If I can't return the money Mom will be arrested
I'd rather die than go back to him!
I can't accept this! I won't!

You left me for a drug-addict rock star! Of course I despise you!
you despise me!
I mean
I can't do that. . .
Yes, I do.
Let go! You're hurting me!

My heart is violently stirring in my body
Is this kiss the calm before the storm?
Yank
Good choice.
I can't make this any harder on Mom than it is already
I'll...
...be your mastress.
!
You...
...didn't used to be this forceful.
There's no need for formalities anymore.
You played both the rock star and me, Lia.
Well, then, Lydia.
...you have 5 minutes to pack.
Lia was my model name.
And my real name is Lydia.
I had nothing to do with him.

I can't.
What is it?
That's all you're bringing?
Squeeze
It's none of your business.
My treasure.
It's too dangerous.
You can't stay here by yourself.
Starting tonight.
... you'll live in my London apartment.
What?
!!
Your body doesn't belong to just you anymore.
but I can't.
I want to throw him out of my house.

Do you have a plan, friend?
No man in the world would pass up the chance to sleep with a super-model like Lisa.
Let's make a bet whether the great Christiano can bag Lisa tonight.
Of course.
I'd only met him a month ago
I was head over heels at his approach
Who else wants in?
Then I'll bet against it.
Stomp
Fine.
I'm not the least bit interested in your heart, anyway!
I learned that lesson well a year and a half ago
Glance
You're only getting my body. My heart ...
...isn't for sale.
Then I overheard him, at a party at his mansion
I fell in love with him before I knew that about him

He just happened to be hiding drugs in the car.

I got a ride away from the mansion in the car of a rock star who was leaving.

スピード超過反のロック歌手 麻薬所持で逮捕
Rock Star Arrested for Speeding and Drug Possession.

同乗していたモデルは恋人?
Was Model in the Car Has Girlfriend?

リアはドラッグ歌手恋人なのか?
Is Lia Dating a Drug-Addict Singer?

ロック歌手 麻薬所持逮捕
Rock Star Drug Possession. Supermodel Lia in Car During Speeding and Drug Arrest.

He doesn't believe that I'm innocent, then or now

I lost all my work as a model.

He's angry because he didn't get me into bed

You look tired.
I'm staying at a different apartment, so you can rest easy tonight.

I'm so tired.

So much has happened in the past few days, I haven't slept much.

But I have to do it for Mom.

I'm doing something very immoral.

A contract?
An employment contract for you.

I'm not acting.

You don't have to act pure for me.
I won't lay a finger on you until we have a proper contract made.

No, I can't trust you.
I won't run!
That isn't necessary!

The waves
Lap
I won't let her get away with that!
Still, she tore my pride to shreds
Lydia was tired with no makeup on.
I've never seen her like that before
Zzz
She was more beautiful than when she was modeling.
She stirs my heart now even more than before

I came, just as you ordered.
If you break the contract, the £25,000 becomes your debt immediately.
You have to do whatever I ask of you.
It's a contract of agreement.
Not all of them.
These are all restrictions on me.
The contract's term is for 1 year, and it includes a secrecy clause to prevent you from telling anyone about it.

Splash
Aiiie!
I'm starting a new life today
The contract is ready.
What's going to happen to me...?
Come to my company, Lydia.

Thump
We have a deal.
What are you doing?
With money as your chains.
While you're with me, you'll be living in the lap of luxury.
That doesn't change the fact I'm a slave.
I can't go through with this
If I sign this he'll steal my life
I'll be your slave.
I don't have any other choice.

Are you saying this is your first time?
That's hilarious!
Ah ha ha ha ha!
I'm not pretending.
I really
Smile
Let's add that to the contract.
...I'll marry you.
If this really is your first time....
You're the same.
As far as testing how you feel to ride, that is.
I'm not a horse!
Isn't it obvious?
I'm checking the quality of my new property.
Blush
Still pretending to be pure?
It doesn't suit you.
Give it up.
Please, stop!

I'll go.
...and having to follow everything he says?
Letting him treat me like this
It's so frustrating
To hell and back again.
Hmph
To make me look more like his slave, you mean.
I'm one of Mr Andreotu's employees.
I've been told to show you to the makeup room, Ms. Powell.
Unfortunately, we'll have to continue this later.
I have another appointment.
Of course not.
I don't want to marry you, either.
No!
I don't want to marry you!
This is humiliating
Let's meet tonight, at the club.
Get dressed up real nice. That's an order.

Do you remember me?
I'm Phillip, Ghestiano's friend.
Lia!
It's good to see you again.
You're the one who made the bet.
Of course I remember you
But..
...you should be careful.
He never forgives those who betray him.
I didn't think you two would get back together
I suppose it must be because you're so beautiful.
Whisper
And
...I'll be the best slave ever

It's been 30 minutes...
Mr. Andreotti is in a meeting.
Ms. Powell?
Gasp
He asked that you wait over there.
He ignored me! Why?
It's just as Phillip said
This is so humiliating
Thus is his revenge on me
before introducing me to anyone?
How long is he going to keep me waiting
Squeeze

that he won't be able to ignore me
I'll just stand out so much
He wants me to sink as low as I can get.
Fine.
If that's the way he wants to play it.
Grab
Gulp
Slam

I heard she was accused of stealing some money, but...
Lan, the former supermodel.
Who is that woman?
...she certainly is still a gorgeous woman.
That's right. I'm a thief...
and an immoral woman

He can't treat me like a toy or a decoration.
Tap
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The lights
The room
is spinning
I've
Sway
I feel
sick
had too
much to
drink

and I'm
Christiano's
mistress!

My clothes!
I took them off.
Gasp
Where are we?
The apartment.

Someone please!
Save my father and brother!

The waves...
Lap
Held on to me.
It's all right.

I don't remember
What kind of dream?
It helps to tell someone about your nightmares.
You were moaning in your sleep.
I had a bad dream.
I don't remember anything!
Then last night, we.
You were quite passionate last night.
You collapsed after your sexy dance.
What ?
That's a shame.
I mean I wasn't attractive to him as a woman?
But
does the fact that he stopped my dancing
He was holding me all night
I see.
That's why I could sleep so peacefully.
There wasn't time to do anything else.
I had my hands full looking after you all night.
I think you'd had too much to drink.

If that's the case
I'll make it impossible to ignore me!
How do you like these clothes?
I think they make me look more like your mistress.
Yes. They suit you well.
I'm going to a business meeting in Italy.
Do you have a passport?
Y-Yes..
Meaning, so are you.
Oh no What am I thinking?
It bothers me that he didn't try anything with me

What?
Let's buy you some clothes first.
Those clothes are a little too revealing.
I don't want other men looking at you like that.
So
he did notice me?
Italy

I'm a little shocked
Not the reaction I was expecting
It's not normal
Why should I feel so disappointed?
Why?
It always feels like I can't be myself when I'm around him.
No. It's not normal

It's not normal.
That means I should be used to being watched
That's right.
And still,
I can't stop feeling his eyes on me
How long were you a model?
After I lost my father, I had to support my family.
That young?
Since I was 14.

Good
She used to be a model.
She looks wonderful.

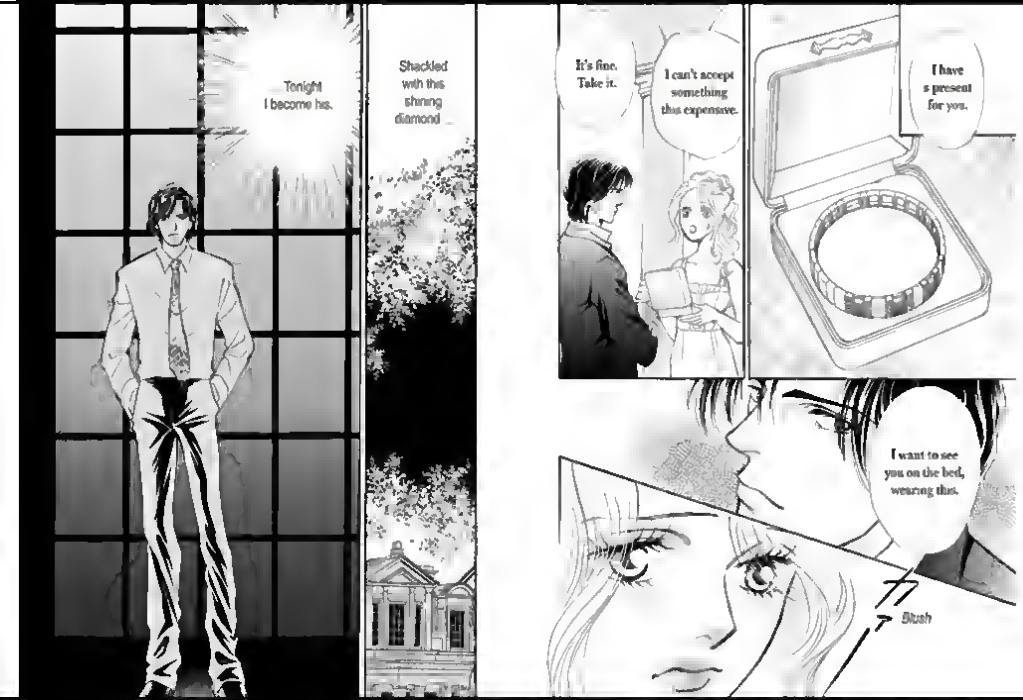
I don't want to talk about it.
What would he think if I told him it was my fault?
That Mom hates me for it?
How Mom is missing
... and she's so scared about the money she can't even call me
I want to let her know our money problems are over but I don't know how to get in touch with her
Once the shopping is done, we'll go to my house.

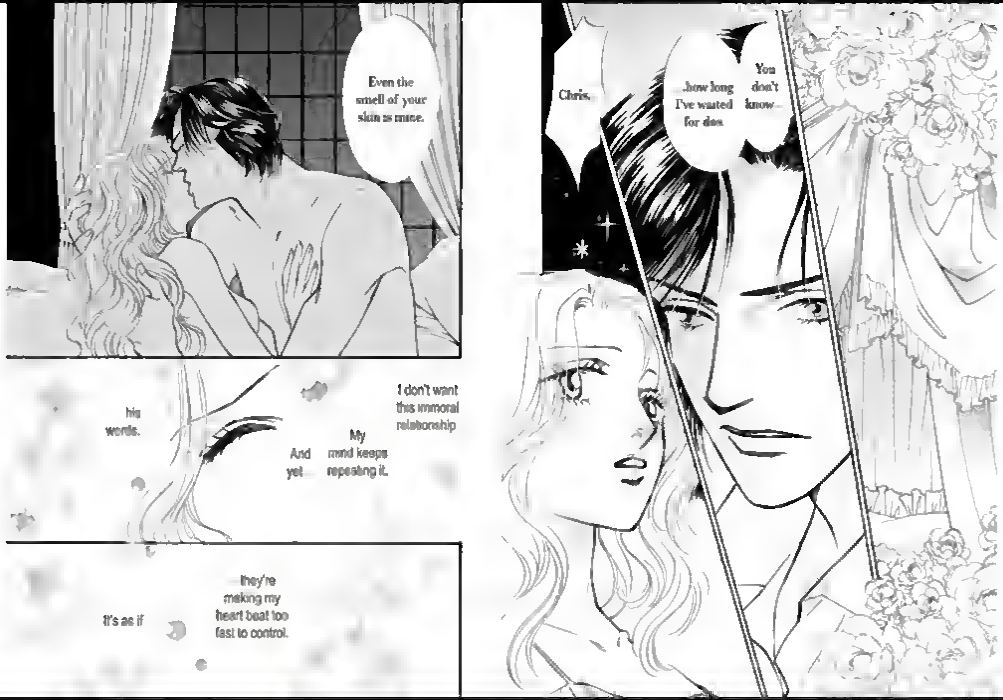
Right around 20 years old.
Everyone always thinks I'm older
How old are you?
I'm 22.
Then when you met me you were...
22. ?

I was still a child back then I was happy about your advances, but also frightened.
I see.
I didn't know that.

Gulp
...how did you lose your father?
So

What a wonderful view!
You can see all the nature of Tuscany.
My family has lived here for 200 years.
This place is enormous!
Let's go inside.
Creak


...Tonight I become his.
Shackled with this shining diamond ...
It's fine. Take it.
I can't accept something this expensive.
I have s present for you.
I want to see you on the bed, wearing this.
Blush


Even the smell of your skin is mine.
his words.
My mind keeps repeating it.
And yet
I don't want this immoral relationship
It's as if
they're making my heart beat too fast to control.
Chris.
...how long I've waited for this
You don't know

Lydia!
You...
Gasp
It was really your first time?
I've become a different woman

That's why she was seeing that rock singer at the same time as me
Lydia is supposed to be a seductress who uses men
It doesn't make any sense
She's supposed to be the same type of woman as my mother, who kept betraying my father
When my father learned the truth ...
... the shock led him to suicide
My mother had relationships with many men during their marriage
She even seduced my father's best friend
I'll be taking a cold shower.
I'm getting mixed up about this.
Sigh
...Why didn't you tell me?
No... I didn't believe you.
Slam
Does that mean
...I'm disappointed by my inexperience?
Squeak

But unfortunately, the rock singer disappeared after the drug scandal.
You wanted to trap as many rich men as possible, so you were cheating on me.
I'm explaining the reason you left me.
I don't understand what you're talking about.
— because I heard the bet you made!
I left you. —
You're completely wrong.
Jump
But...
I knew one thing she wants.
Lydia is too mysterious.
You were in it for the money, weren't you?
What?
I thought if I slept with Lydia once, it would be enough!
Now I want her more than ever!

Marry me, Lydia.
I said, I want to marry you.
What are you talking about?
Wha...

I only made the bet to keep up appearances.
Well, you hurt me.
That's right. I ran away to get back at you
What...?
You were treating me like some kind of prize to win.
I was angry.
I'm sorry.
I didn't mean to, Lydia.

That's fine with me.
He's right.
I was inviting him to look at me
I was experiencing such a rush just from having him watch me.

That's ridiculous!
You don't even love me!
I'm a man of my word.
I said that if it was really your first time, I'd marry you.
I know that you feel the same thing.
But I have desire for you.
... with all my heart
I hate you...

I won't do it!
In public.
I'm giving them a check for the money that you supposedly stole.
It's a publicity stunt. I've invited many members of the press.
You'll still have to attend the Happy Holidays reception I'm having.
That's fine.
What?
You're running away again?
I won't be made a spectacle of!
We'll get married when we get back to London.
But
I can't be happy about the marriage proposal I longed for a year and a half ago.
I don't want a marriage like this.
You're stubborn, aren't you?
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Snirk
I won't marry you.
No.

I'm afraid to see them.
..I can't face those models.
I asked my model friends to help with the Happy Holidays charity show for free
That's right. Lydia is a thief
...
You don't have a choice.
Lydia.
But if you don't repair your image, the crime will follow you for the rest of your life.
You'll only be a spectacle temporarily.
You won't even be able to hold a job.
Do you think you can live, hidden away from everyone?
My very first job was turned down because of the money scandal.
But,
..I was studying to be a landscape architect.
...I...

That's it! If she hears that the money scandal has been resolved...
...maybe Mom will feel safe enough to contact me.
Still...
Tomorrow...
We leave for London.

I really am afraid.
It's all right.
I'll be with you.

But what would Lydia steal for?
The house I visited was modest.
I'll do as you say.
Is she giving money to someone?

Lydia?
..I can't get on that ship..
I...
..I can't do it.
My father and brother ..
It was my fault! I said that I wanted a motorboat ride.
!
..they both drowned at sea!
A huge wave came out of nowhere, and

The *Lastara*. It's my yacht.
This ship will be the reception venue.
What is this ship?

...I'll get on the ship.
Yes, it does.
No.
You don't have to.
My future depends on this reception.
It's all right.
You don't have to do anything.
Even though I didn't know, I apologize.
Go back to the apartment and rest.
I'm sorry for you.
That's terrible.
But what about your reception?
Your feelings are more important than my reputation.
It doesn't matter.

I'm not alone
Squeeze
There's nothing to worry about.
I'm here.
It's as if his warmth is giving me the courage I need.
I can feel the heat from his hands

Mr. Andreotti!
Of course.
Go and say hello to the Happy Holidays people, darling.
Um... We'd love that!
I was hoping you beautiful women...
...would appear together in one of my company's commercials.
We were questioned by the police because of you!
I'm sorry for all the trouble I've caused you.
We don't ever want to be in a shoot with you again.
You think an apology will solve anything?
Don't be too harsh on my girlfriend
It was all a misunderstanding.

My heart is on fire
Lycha is his girlfriend? How did she manage that?
He's so handsome!
I never thought I'd see Andreotti, the billionaire, up close.
"My girlfriend."
That's what he called me
In those words
May I have a word, Ms. Powell?
I've come from France about your mother.
Wha—
About Mom?

It's an old candy box.
Apparently, his picture is inside.
If you really want to know, look in that treasure box Lydia keeps with her.

!!
Where is Mom now?
In France.

Lydia told me herself.
Do you know who she's wanted to be with since she was little?
It's the first man she ever loved, and she will love him forever
Lydia is playing you for a fool.

She wouldn't tell me that part.
I don't know.
Who is he?

Mom and Dennis committed fraud?
She's still with him?
What does it mean?
We can discuss this more tomorrow.

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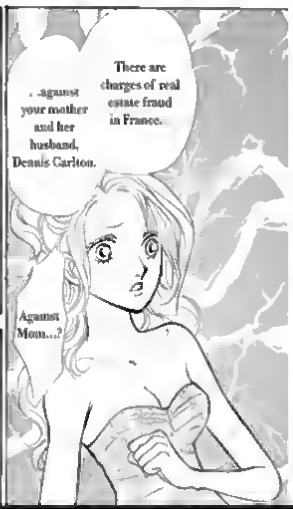
I'm a French investigator.

I don't believe it...
...She told me that Dennis divorced her.


There are charges of real estate fraud in France.
...against your mother and her husband, Dennis Carlton.
Against Mom...?

No, the two of them are still married.

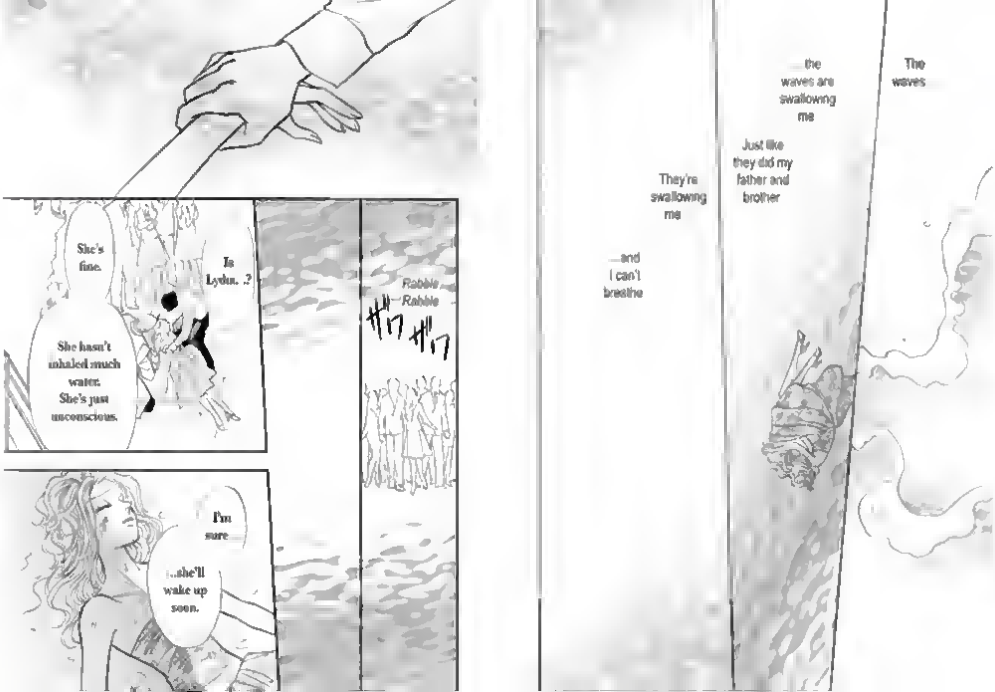
Who was that, Lydia?
Chris.

Aiiiee!
Splash
Splash
Ah!
What should I do?
Lydia!

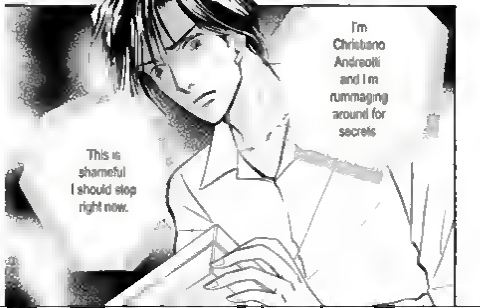
Is that why ..you don't want to get married to me?
Was that the man you really love?
Ow!

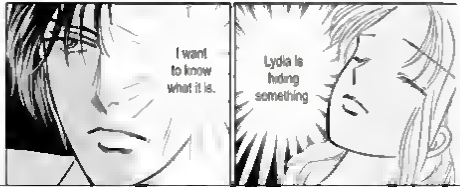
You have the wrong idea! He was..

If he finds out about her, he might have her arrested.
Should I tell Chris about Mom?


She's fine.
She hasn't inhaled much water. She's just unconscious.
Is Lydia...?
Rabble Rabble
I'm sure...
...she'll wake up soon.
The waves
...the waves are swallowing me
Just like they did my father and brother
They're swallowing me
...and I can't breathe

It might even tell me why she stole the money
Her secret must be hidden in that box of hers.
Found it.


I'm Christiano Andreotti and I'm rummaging around for secrets
This is shameful! I should stop right now.


I want to know what it is.
Lydia is hiding something

There are more at the bottom.
It's me.
From when I first started appearing in magazines.
All from 10 years ago.
I can't.
I have to know about Lydia!
Squeeze
Clack
!
Her father and brother.
These are family photos.

You. .
. .were my idol.
It was full of pictures and articles about me.
I collected even the most insignificant articles and pictures of you.
Because you.
...you were.
Yes.
...the first man you ever loved.
Creak
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Yes.
You saw?

Chris...
I'm honored.
Laugh?
I was embarrassed.
I thought you'd laugh at me, like a child.
Why didn't you tell me?
Lydia, you...
The first time you asked me on a date, I couldn't breathe.
After I started modeling and met you..
...I was so happy I could have died.

As soon as I found out you were keeping my photos...
...my heart was yours.
I love you so much, it makes me crazy.
I would do anything for you.
You're wonderful.
I love you, Lydia.
... but now it's different.
Not then...
You're lying.
Last time, you said you didn't love me.

I can't keep secrets from him.
I can tell him about Mom.
Now
So the man on the boat was an investigator.
I see.
Nothing he said makes any sense.
There's something I have to tell you.
It's about my mother and the missing money.
Yes.
I...
Forgive me for everything I've done to you
Lydia.
. .can trust you?

You should brace yourself emotionally before we see her.
What?
I did some research on your mother
Your mother isn't living as you might expect.
Seeing Mom again will show me the truth
But I don't know where she
It's all right. I'll find out

Now she's committing real estate fraud? If Mom is in trouble, I still want to help her.
She told me that she and Dennis were divorced.

You can't think like that, Lydia.
All of Mom's unhappiness is because of me.

Let's go to France.
We'll find your mother, Lydia.
It wasn't your fault.
Your father's and brother's deaths were an accident.
Even Dennis's nightclub being shut down had nothing to do with you.

It's been a long time, Mom.
Lydia!
Yes?
Ding Dong
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Does that mean she's not in as much trouble as I thought?

But..
she's supposed to be having money problems.
Bought and paid for.
It's hers.

This is Mom's house?

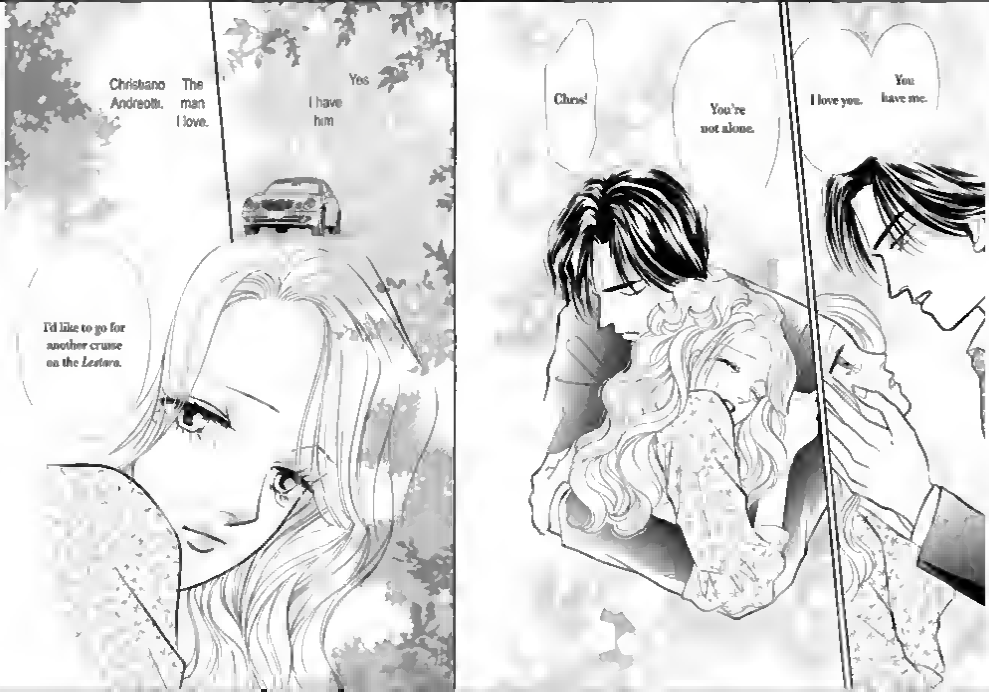
The failed nightclub Dennis owned and Lydia paid for didn't leave much debt, and you two never divorced.
I know everything about you.
You kept squeezing your daughter for money, and after you took it all,
you set her up and disappeared.
It was all a lie to make Lydia feel guilty enough to take the blame for your crime.

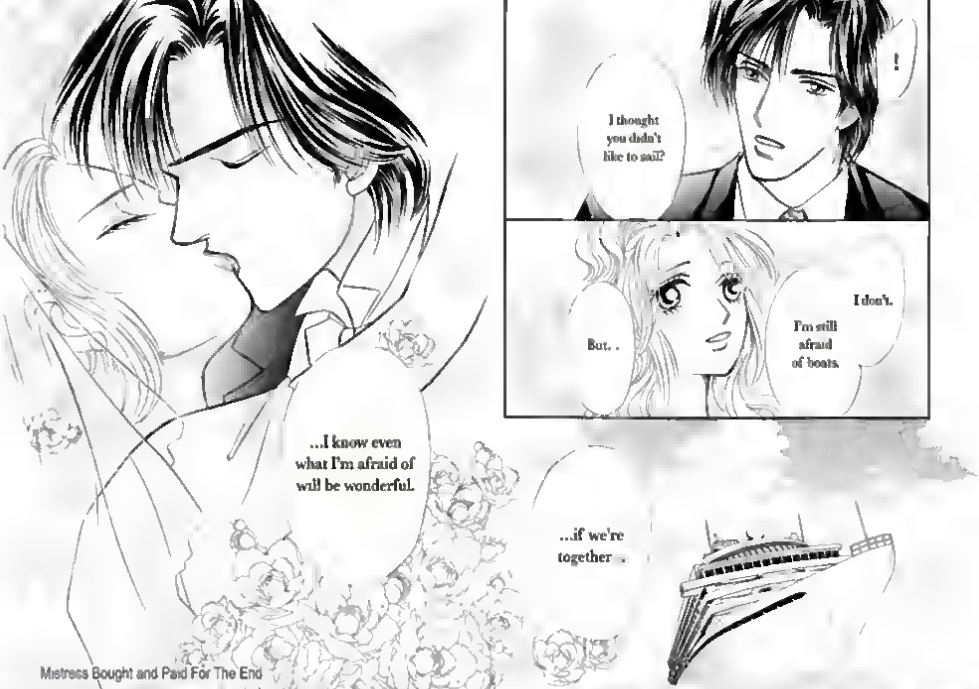
Jump
My daughter has caused me nothing but misery! It's only right that she make up for it!

What happened to the money from the charity?
I don't know what you're talking about
Oh, really?
You make it sound like I'm not allowed to be happy.
I was so worried about you.

I'm Lydia's fiancé.
Who are you supposed to be?
Why don't you tell her the truth?
That all of this was a plan you and your husband, Dennis, put together.

Slam
I know that Mom never loved me.
It's not just my father and brother
...now I've lost my mother, too!
Still, I never thought she'd...
Lydia saved you from jail. You should be grateful to her.
If you blame your own child for a tragic accident, you have no right to be a parent.
Goodbye, Mom.
Let's go, Lydia.
...but there is already someone else looking into your real estate fraud.
You may have gotten away with your crime this time...


Christiano Andreotti.
The man I love.
Yes I have him
I'd like to go for another cruise on the *Lestara*.
Chris!
You're not alone.
I love you.
You have me.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I thought you didn't like to sail?
I don't.
I'm still afraid of boats.
But. .
...I know even what I'm afraid of will be wonderful.
...if we're together ..

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